GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SPACE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:112
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LAUNCHING OF SATELLITES BY ISRO
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Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has launched any satellite in the month of January, 2008 under a contract with Israeli Aerospace Industries;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the objectives outlined therefor;

(c) the benefits likely to accrue therefrom including the revenue earned as a result thereof;

(d) whether the launching of the satellite evoked reaction from various quarters inside and outside the country;

(e) if so, the response of the Government thereto;

(f) whether the Government has any plans to launch further more Satellites for various countries in future; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN)

(a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) & (g): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE LOK SABHA IN REPLY TO PARTS (a), (b), (c), (d), (e),(f) & (g) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 112 REGARDING "LAUNCHING OF SATELLITES BY ISRO" ASKED BY DR. M. JAGANNATH AND SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI FOR ANSWER ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 05, 2008

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. On 21st January 2008, India's Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle, PSLV-C10 successfully launched the 300 kg TECSAR satellite, from Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota. The launch of PSLV- C10 was executed under a commercial contract between Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI) and ANTRIX Corporation.

(c) The successful launch of PSLV-C10, has once again reiterated ISRO's reliability and versatility to launch satellites into various types of orbits and established its strong footing in the highly competitive international commercial launch services market. With the delivery of the satellite in the desired orbit, the contractual obligations of ANTRIX have been completed. The commercial value of the launch services contract was US $13 Million.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) & (g) In the forthcoming flight of PSLV, in addition to ISRO's primary satellite, the vehicle will also commercially launch nano satellites belonging to University of Toronto, Canada and Cosmos International, Germany. Contracts are also finalized for launching nano satellite of Netherlands and micro satellite belonging to Singapore using PSLV.